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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Mourning the death of Ron Sander at the hands of terrorist kidnappers in Ecuador and welcoming the release from captivity of Arnie Alford, Steve Derry, Jason Weber, and David Bradley, and supporting efforts by the United States to combat such terrorism.

Whereas Ron Sander of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, one of ten men abducted from an Ecuadorian oil field on October 12, 2000, was brutally murdered by his terrorist captors on January 31, 2001;

Whereas Arnie Alford, Steve Derry, and Jason Weber, of Gold Hill, Oregon, and David Bradley, of Casper, Wyoming, were also among the ten men abducted;

Whereas the kidnapped men endured inhuman treatment at the hands of their captors, suffering from malnutrition, isolation, and physical and mental abuse;

Whereas the hostages spent 141 days in captivity before being released to Ecuadorian military authorities;

Whereas the Government of Ecuador provided invaluable assistance in seeking the safe return of the hostages; and

Whereas the employers of the hostages, Erickson Air-Crane, Schlumberger Ltd., and Helmerich & Payne, maintained a tireless commitment to their employees and their families during protracted negotiations with the terrorists: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That—*

3            (1) the Congress welcomes the safe return of  
4        American citizens Arnie Alford, Steve Derry, Jason  
5        Weber, and David Bradley from captivity by terror-  
6        ists in Ecuador and congratulates them for their  
7        perseverance in the face of persistent and  
8        unremitting adversity;

9            (2) the Congress extends its deepest sympathy  
10       to the family of Ron Sander, who was killed by ter-  
11       rorists in Ecuador, and salutes his steadfast courage  
12       under the most difficult of circumstances;

13           (3) the Congress supports the commitment of  
14       the United States to bringing the killers of Ron  
15       Sanders and the kidnappers of Arnie Alford, Steve

1 Derry, Jason Weber, and David Bradley to justice;  
2 and

3 (4) it is the sense of the Congress that the  
4 United States must redouble its efforts to prevent  
5 future kidnappings by working in concert with for-  
6 eign governments to neutralize the threat rep-  
7 resented by terrorist groups who perpetrate such  
8 crimes.

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2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*